



## MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 20 March 2013. (Meeting 4 2013)

At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena & by SKYPE

### **Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson**

The meeting opened at 6.50pm

### **Present:**

Mr B. Thompson President

Ms K. Frazer Secretary

Ms J. Thompson

Ms P. Dingwall

Mr P. Fent

Mr R. Stewart

Ms T. Kay

Ms J. Hackett

Mr B. Thompson took the chair & opened the meeting.

### **1. Apologies:**

Mr. D. Morgan, Mr N. Ewart, Mr R. Berlinski

### **2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

#### **Motion 1:**

That the minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Mr P. Fent

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

**CARRIED**

### **2.1 Matters Arising from the minutes**

Ms J. Hackett queried the amount per diem allocated, and whether financing would be available. Ms J. Thompson responded that the finance committee had considered this in making the decision, however due to the lower cost of travel to Adelaide funding at the rates set would be available this year within the budget, and that it was reasonable to advise players contesting the playoffs of the likely expenses involved with state team representation.

The meeting confirmed the flying minute of March 4th designating the change in bank account signatories. A copy is appended to these minutes.

### **3. Correspondence**

Correspondence will be held over until the meeting of April 10, 2013.

### **4. General Business**

#### **4.1 Capitation Fee Non-Payment by Clubs.**

Mr B. Thompson outlined the situation with respect to non-payment of affiliation fees by some clubs. The meeting discussed some reasons why particular clubs had yet to pay. Ms J. Hackett commented that whilst she understood & agreed with the fee increase, she felt that clubs continued to be upset about the lack of consultation over the increase.

Ms K. Frazer advised that the council had accepted the process had been unsatisfactory, and that this had clearly been acknowledged by the council.

The council requested the Secretary to write to Roy Nixon as treasurer of the ABF confirming what happens to a club that doesn't pay its state affiliation fee.

The VBA would then write to all clubs with fees outstanding who had not made arrangements to pay advising them:

The amount outstanding  
The date the affiliation fees were due  
Advising that installment payments are possible for clubs having difficulty paying  
Advising the impact of non-payment and disaffiliation  
Seeking a response concerning the club's intentions.

Council also requested the regional representatives, Ms J Hackett & Ms P. Dingwall, would speak with the clubs in their areas which had yet to pay and seek reasons for this.

The President commented that he intended to propose at the April meeting that there would be no increase to affiliation fees this year, and that from 2014 the affiliation fee would be linked to CPI. Ms J. Hackett queried why fees would need to increase by CPI. Mr B. Thompson responded that expenses increase all the time, and that a CPI increase would provide certainty for clubs.

#### 4.2 Appointment of ABF Councillor.

Mr B. Thompson advised the meeting that one of the two ABF positions is up for renewal in May this year.

A process for nomination & voting for a new ABF councillor as one of the two Victorian representatives was discussed.

#### **Motion 2:**

That the process for nomination & voting for the 2013 Victorian representative as ABF councillor be:

1. We call for nominations (non VBA home club members, self-nominate) by a closing date to be set.
2. Nominees must be affiliated members of both a VBA-affiliate club and the ABF
3. Nominees are invited to write a short statement about why they are nominating & what they will bring to the role.
4. All nominees will be communicated to affiliated club secretaries and each club is given a timeframe to respond.
5. Each club will receive a number of votes based upon their home club members according to the following table:

- 1 vote for 1-20 members, 2 votes for 21-50, 3 votes for 51-200, 4 votes for 201+
6. Clubs can choose to allocate their votes to nominees as they see fit.
  7. In the event of a tie, the nominee with the most number of clubs voting for them will be declared the successful nomination.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr P. Fent

**CARRIED**

Mr B. Thompson will discuss the above with the current incumbent Mr Q. Van Abbe who will be invited to nominate.

A statement of the expectations of an ABF councillor will also be circulated with the request for nominees.

**Next Meeting: April 10th commencing at 5.30pm**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson

**FLYING MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL**

Held via email on Monday 4 March 2013

**Memorandum to:**

Mr B. Thompson	President
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mrs J. Thompson	
Ms P. Dingwall	
Mr P. Fent	
Mr R. Stewart	
Mr R. Berlinski	
Mr D. Morgan	
Ms T. Kay	
Mrs J. Hackett	

From:

Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
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The secretary informed the council that the ANZ bank required explicit confirmation of new account signatories to be minuted, and this was not addressed in the meeting on March 3 2013. Agreement to this resolution is therefore sought via email notice to councillors.

**Motion 1**

That the President Mr Ben Thompson and the Secretary Ms Kim Frazer be confirmed as authorised signatories for the VBA Bank Accounts in addition to the existing signatories which are the Treasurer, Mr Neil Ewart, and the Club Manager Ms Cathie Lachman.

Moved: N. Ewart.           Seconded J. Thompson

Responses in the affirmative have been received from 9 councillors. The resolution is Carried. This resolution will be confirmed in the minutes of the April council meeting.

Chairperson  
Mr B. Thompson